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ESTABLISH NEW WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN MINNESOTA

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Establishment of the Talcot Lake Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, by Executive order of President Roosevelt on June 15, adds another area to the system of national wildlife refuges, reports the U. S. Biological Survey. The refuge is situated in Cottonwood County, in southwestern Minnesota, and lies close to the Iowa State line.

Although including only about 800 acres, the newly-established refuge lies in an important waterfowl nesting region and also is on the great Mississippi flyway of migrating birds. "Its acquisition and development are of great importance in our wildlife program," says the Survey.

The area has been acquired from Minnesota after several years of study and observation of wildlife conditions in this section. It will serve as a breeding and resting ground for migratory birds and other species of wildlife.

Talcot Lake is situated in an area of intensified agricultural activities. Because of this, and droughts in recent years, the lake has receded and many excellent waterfowl marshes have dried up.

Acquisition of the lake and adjacent areas will enable the Federal Government to restore the lake to its normal level.

The Des Moines River flows into the lake from the north and empties out of it on the northeastern side. At this exit a dam controls the water flow. Water levels have been stabilized and marsh areas created to establish suitable habitat for nesting waterfowl.

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